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How they score

Still not worth playing Nothing too special Pretty good, but not 90-100 Amazing game you must play

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The gang's all here

They've been pinball wizards, snapped in the wild and now it's their turn to put their hand to becoming the GB Color brain strain kings.

Puzzlers have come a long way since the early days of Tetris, but now the old boy might be about to get a pasting.

Starring a wealth of characters from all your favourite Game Boy quests, Pokémon Puzzle Challenge is just what the doctor ordered

So if you want to Pika puzzler to test your skill and nerve, let's get it on and show those Gym Leaders how it should be done...





A The land of Johto is yours to roam in this absorbing Pokemon title. Dare you take up the challenge of the Gym Leaders?

If you've got the brains then Pikachu and pals have the game for you. Create chain reactions and become the puzzle champion.

Game Info

By: Nintendo Price: £24.99 Release: 8 June

GAME BOY COLOR



zzle Challenge

Whether they're Red, Blue, Gold or Silver, the Pokémon crew are back out to play in a puzzler all of their own...



LOOKS Vibrant, colourful and the Pokemon look so cute! The game serven isn't all that, but it does me job,

Look at 'em go

The opening movie in Pokemon Gold and Silver is a hoot and the start of Puzzle Challenge is just as impressive.

Before meeting Professor Elm you'll see Chikorita bounding across an open field in search of her buddies. Isn't she so cute! Suddenly two monsters come into view, Totodile the crazy Water Type Pokemon and Cyndaquil the fiery little beast.

However, the ace movie doesn't stop there as high above the clouds Pikachu and Pichu float into view clutching a bunch of balloons



▲ The start of the game sees lovely Chikorita running across the open countryside.

Suddenly Totodile and Cyndaguil come into view. Isn't the gang the cutest thing you've ever seen?



A But hang on a sec, what's going on up in the clouds. Let's take a look...

What's going on

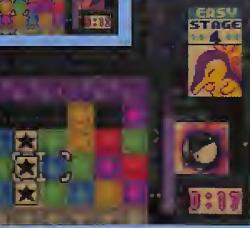
When you start playing Puzzle Challenge you'll wonder where

you should begin as you stare at a screen filled with blocks.

To win each round the idea is pretty straightforward. By joining three or more blocks of the same colour they will disappear. What makes matters worse is that the screen continually moves up and you'll need to shift or face meltdown as blocks reach the top. The computer even drops trash filling your screen, so be quick.



◀ To play the game it's your job
to join three or more blocks of the same colour. Better get switching! V Connect them and they will disappear. Just make sure you keep them away from the top.





▲ Watch for trash your rival dumps on your screen 'cos it could spell doom

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Mayhey! It's Pichu and Pikachu floating high

SOUNDS Take the music from the Pokémon quests, give it a little remix and you'll get this. Neat!

Be a blockhead

Pokémon Puzzle League is one of the best N64 puzzlers and this GBC version is the same, just a

little watered down. Naturally there's no 3D version like on the N64 and you can only see your grid, not your opponents. Instead a bar lets you know how well they're doing.

Pokémon expert, Professor Elm, also pops up as you travel between challenges, so let's see what he's got in store down in the land of Johto...



Get your sleeping bag and Pot Noodle ready and play all night and day. Just don't make the blocks hit the top of

the screen or you're finished.



Challenge

The Gym Leaders are simply crying out for a bout. Travel Johto and whup their butts with your expert combo and chain reaction tactics.

Leader of the pack

To meet some familiar faces from previous Pokémon adventures your main mission is to try your luck defeating them in the Challenge option,

As you travel the highways and byways of Johto you'll stop at different Gyms along the way only to be confronted by a mean Leader. Your first stop is the Violet Gym where

Falkner awaits with his Pidgey while further down the road you'll meet the likes of Bugsy, Whitney and Pryce.

Each one has a squad exactly the same as those in Gold and Silver and aren't going to let you leave without a battle, so be prepared to fight.

Falkner and his barnet is your first match up.



A Play the Challenge option and you can play the Gym Leaders from Gold and Silver.



As you walk round Johto you'll stop at the Gyms. Cue brill block busting action!



What'll it be?

The brand new Pokémon are a joy to look at and you can play with them in Puzzle Challenge.

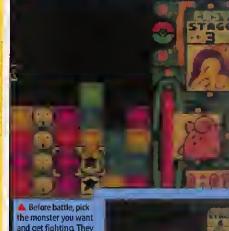
Your squad consists of the initial three creatures in Gold and Silver, Chikorita, Cyndaquil and Totodile. The way you play isn't affected by which one you choose, but you will be able to pick up more along the way.

As you play, your monster will even make different

expressions depending on how well you're doing. Just watch their distraught face when you drop a clanger!

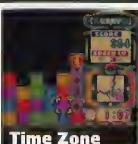


▲ You'll begin the game with three starting Pokémon









With the seconds ticking away can you rack up a high score again and again? If you've got what it takes to set record, this is for you



Line Clear

A massive 30 stages await the most discerning Pokémaniac. Destroy the blocks sitting above the white line to move onto the next challenge.



Scan the screen and clear it using the number of moves required. If you're having problems, hit SHEET for a handy hint. Hard, but fun.



Battle a fellow Pokémon and clear as many blocks as you can before they hit the top. Be quick, 'cos they're after you with their trash!

Poké master class

The Gym Leaders are crafty when it comes to the crunch, so to get one up on them you'll need some tricks of your own.

To take them to the cleaners you've got to join more than three blocks and set up chain reactions when those above drop into place. It pays to be inventive as the more chains you complete will cause larger garbage blocks to be dropped on your rival.

Quick thinking can also clear your screen at the last minute and can give you a valuable breather when it gets manic.



Creating blocks of three is easy, but to get anywhere four block combos are a must.



As blocks are removed try and line them up with the ones below to form a smart chain reaction.



Catching Pokémon

As all monster maniacs know, catching creatures is a very satisfying event in Pokémon games and the same thing happens in the cool one player Challenge mode.

As you travel between Gyms you'll be offered out in a one off battle against various Trainers who think they are well hard.

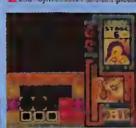
Each Leader has a different squad of wild 'n' wacky creatures and some take some very good strategies to beat.

If your training has been up to scratch you'll have no trouble wiping that smirk off their face with a well timed move.

Finish them off and, as well as the sweet taste of victory, you may get your hands on their Pokémon to add to your team.



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A Cyndaquil's moves look like they've had the desired effect. Victory is nearly yours!



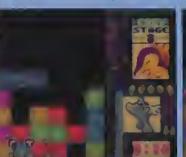
A Face some Pokemon Leaders and you can even nick their monsters to add to your squad.

Time for a ruck

giant pile of trash after a successful combo. Come on!

Okay, so the GB Advance will offer four player games, but there are still some wicked two player GBC titles to be had.

One new entry is easily Puzzle Challenge and you'll be battling long and hard to see who is the number one block buster around. With pride at stake and only one winner,



& Remember large blocks and chain reactions are the order of the day if you want to win.

you must stay alert and ready to rattle off a four block combo or two.

Just make sure you have mastered the art of chains and your mate will be running home with his tail between his legs in no time.

Beat them and you'll have the right to claim the crown of Pokemon king.



▲ It certainly gets mental when you and a mate start to battle. Don't except defeat, Nintendoids!

GAME LENGTH The GB Color is ideal for puzzlers and this is one of the best. Watch your back. Tetris.



▲ For added enjoyment you can fight your rival's squad and see who's the best.



Toy Story Racer

By Activision Price £24.99 Game Link Infra Red X Game Boy X Game Boy Color 🗸

What it's about Buzz returns from Star Command duty to the comfort of Andy's home. The bedroom gang, including Woody, Bo Peep and Mr Potato Head are raring to go for a spot of racing. Grab the coins and special power ups as you try to finish first across some manic 3D courses including futuristic Pizza Planet.

We think Toy Story Racer is a good idea and the coders have tried a 3D effect that very nearly comes off. However, it's marred in many places. Control is ropey as all you have to do is hit the gas without turning to finish each course and there are some duff looking racers. It's a shame, but it doesn't have the magic we've come to expect.



A Steer clear of the wheel Woody or your controls will reverse.



A There's no need to steer through gaps. Just hit the gas gamers!



got some catching up to do if he wants to get back in front. Give it some gas RC!



▲ Woody may be the leader of the gang, but he's ▲ The stairs are a great place to pick up some speed and overtake the slower racers. Don't look down Buzz, It's a very long way to the bottom.



▲ Don't get too close to the table leg or you'll spin just like useless Buzz. Mr Potato Head will have an easy chance to get ahead now.



A Pizza Planet is home to many aliens who love to cause havoc. Give them a wide berth when overtaking or there might be an horrendous smash.



▲ Hang a right Mr Potato Head or you'll go careering into the sign on this tight hairpin bend. Time to go and catch the sheriff...





▲ Who said women can't drive? Watch out spuddy the gal's on your bumper and motoring down the straight. All your favourite stars from the Toy Story films are motoring

onto your Game Boy Color. The toys are back in town, but they don't quite cut the mustard. Shame on you Mr Lightyear!

GAME SCORE 10%

Croc 2

By THQ Price £24.99 Game Link X

What it's about Croc's back on your Game Boy Color for more cute, puzzle solving action. One day while wandering along the beach, lucky ol' Croc finds a message in a bottle from his long lost parents. It appears that the elder Crocs have been looking for their wayward son, so our hero decides to cross his dangerous island to find them. Only evil Baron Dante stands in his way.

We think This is a huge improvement on Croc's original adventure. The action focuses on puzzle solving rather than platform hopping, and some of the teasers will have you tearing your hair out. The layout of some levels is quite confusing but, with clever puzzles and a few interesting mini games, Croc is a great way to while away the hours.



A If you take too many hits from one of Dante's goons, Croc loses a life. Try again, Croc boy!



▲ Here he is, the star of the show... Croc! He may be based on one of the world's most deadly animals, but he sure is cute and cuddly!



▲ Many of the puzzles require you to push large columns around. This can be really, really difficult! Just look at the strain on Croc's face.



The graphics in Croc 2 are great, and they make good use of the Game Boy Color's screen. It's definitely a big improvement on the last Croc game.



GAME SCORE 83%

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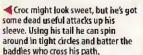




Look out for these fuzzy guys as they give you details on your next daring mission. Listen to what they've got to say then hop to it.



As you collect gems around the island, you can use them to buy useful items in this shop. Choose wisely as your purchase could save your skip.





The Simpsons

What it's about it's Halloween.

and the Simpsons have been

Unfortunately, when they fall asleep the whole family are

sucked into a nightmare world

where they have to escape the

In the first level, Bart has to find

a series of fuses to get the lights

working in the Simpson house.

Treehouse of Horror.

telling each other ghost stories.

By THO Price £24.99 Came Link X Intra Red X Game Boy X Game Boy Color V

We think Treehouse of Horror

isn't a bad game, but it isn't great

either. The graphics are true to

the cartoons and, if you're a fan, you'll feel at home. But it can be

jerky, and the platform action

isn't varied enough to keep you

coming back for more.



All the levels are accessed

through this Treehouse of Horror.

It's not exactly pant staining stuff.

familiar? It featured in a dassic Simpson TV episode.

GAME SCORE 76%

Roswell Conspiracies

By Uhi Soft Price £24.99 Game Link X Infra Red X Game Boy X Came Boy Color V

What it's about Aliens are roaming Earth disguised as werewolves and vampires, You play Nick Logan, a fearless Detection Agent whose mission is hard to see what's going on. The to unmask the extra terrestrials.

We think Conspiracies is a good idea, but it's too complex for GB. The levels try to be mean 'n' moody, but they're so dark it's too monsters are hardly evil, either.



▲ The action's dark, so finding your ▲ Driving sequences link some levels. Watch for UFO attacks! way around can be a pain.



▲ When fighting this big boss, the hero looks tiny on the screen.



▲ The levels are introduced by pictures from the TV cartoon show.

GAME SCORE 65%

Action Man Search for Base X

By **THQ** Price **£24.99** Game Link **×** Infra Red **×** Game Boy **×** Came Boy Color **✓**

What it's about Join the plastic prince as he vomps across icv wastelands and rocky mountains to defeat his arch nemesis and world threatening Base X. Platform hoppin' and baddie blastin' are the order of the day.

We think With repetitive action poor controls and unimaginative enemies, this is best avoided. All you have to do is memorise each monster's position and blast them before they attack. There are better blasters than this dog.



▲ In the jungle level, of eagle eyes can cling onto vines and swing between perilous platforms.



costume and he can tackle underwater missions with ease.



Action Man tackles robots in the icy cold with only a vest. That's hard



GAME SCORE 54%

Elevator Action

By TDK Mediactive Price £24.99 Game Link X Infra Red X Game Boy X Game Boy Color 🗸

What it's about Choose one of three agents in a mission to steal documents from heavily guarded buildings. Use lifts and ventilation shafts to move round, looking for doors which hide the goodies Get 'em and get the heck out!

We think Elevator Action was an arcade game in the 1980s, but it hasn't aged well. The action's repetitive, and it soon becomes boring. If you want thrills from yesteryear, check out Defender or Moon Patrol. They rock!



a briefing from your boss. This big cheese knows everything.



Doug's Big Game

By Ubi Soft Price £24.99 Game Link X Infra Red X Game Boy X Came Boy Color 🗸

What it's about You take control of Disney's latest hero, Doug, and his super hero alter-ego Quailman. Patti Mayonnaise is missing, and it's up to Doug and his dog, Porkchop, to find her.

We think Only younger gamers will get a kick out of the colourful graphics and simple puzzles. Quailman's dream sequences are fun, which makes us wonder why it wasn't based on his adventures!



▲ Talk to all the people you meet on your journey to get vital clues.



you get to see Quailman. Cool!



A Daydream games are the best. Here, you have to topple the bully.



including the arcade in the local mall.

GAME SCORE 80%

There's loads to check out in this place, so get your hunting

Heal your monster squad too as your first Gym Leader battle is

First up, talk to the man by the Gym and you can leam some last minute tips down at Earl's Pokémon Arademy. Build up your Pokémon team in Sprout Tower, too.

Now here's why you needed

to exchange a Bellsprout for

is useless against Rock Types.

Onix. Falkner's Normal/Flying

squad, that includes Pidgey,

Whup his ass with Onix and get the Zephyr Badge and TM 31, Mud Slap.

Violet City

head on and go for a look around.

about to take place against the mighty Falkner...

The craziest Pokémon game is finally here and we've got a hatful of tips to get you started...

Pick a Pokémon

Your Gold and Silver quest is sprawling so it's just as well that there's someone on hand to help you out.

Professor Elm is the name and he's the man with three starting Pokémon for you to pick and a wealth of knowledge to boot.

After talking to your Mum and getting the Poké Gear, it's on to Elm's lab which is next door to collect your first creature...

Chikorita

If you're a top Trainer, this Grass Type is the best choice. She's not too hot against the initial Gym Leaders or wild Pokemon, so put her in a decent squad to get the most out of her.





Unlike Chikorita, this cutey can put up an excellent fight against the first few Leaders. This Water Type is great at learning Hidden Machines like Waterfall and Whirlpool



Cyndaguil

Definitely the best beast for the job. One of the hardest in the whole game and its evolution, Typhlosion, will destroy the Elite Four In a trice. Get off to a winning start with Cyndaqui





New Bark Town(

The starting point to the whole game is this small village, New Bark Town.

There are many goodies to pick up and others to return for as your journey unfolds...



Do you want me to save your money?

A Talk to your Mom about a savings account and she'll use the money to buy goodies which you won't get elsewhere. If your squad faints you'll lose half your money, but your Mom's won't be touched. Show Professor Elm the hatched Togepi for an Everstone and after getting eight Badges the Master Ball will be yours. Pop back to Elm's lab after defeating the Elite Four to receive an S.S Aqua ticket.



A Grab the Potion from Elm's assistant to help you on your long journey ahead. Later get the Mystery Egg from Mr Pokémon on Routes 30/31 which you'll need to return to Professor Elm. In exchange you'll get five Poké Balls.



See? It's an S.S.TICKET.

Route 29

▼ Quickly zip off to Route 46 once you've got some Poké Balls to find wild Geodudes and Spearows. Make sure you stand in front of the trees and hit ♠ to get a Berry, too.





Cherrygrove City

This mighty town is where you'll battle it out in your first Gold and Silver Pokémon duel. Your Rival is the Trainer in question, but you won't experience any problems if you've built them up in training.



After collecting the Mystery Egg rom Mr Pokémon enter the tokémon Centre to recharge your quad 'cos you'll meet your Rival on your way to New Bark Town. You'll have no problems winning now!

You'll spot an island near the city, When one of your creatures can use Surf outside battle, swim over to find Mystic Water. This excellent brew improves the power of your Water Pokémon.

Routes 30/31

Home to Bellsprouts and many other wild Pokémon, these routes are packed with goodies for you to collect.

Look out for Mr Pokémon's nouse and Professor Oak, who will give you the Pokédex to ecord your creatures.

To build a strong team with Experience Share give the Red Scale from the Lake of Rage's Red Gyrados to Mr Pokémon. Make sure you deliver the Mystery Egg to Elm to get past the Trainers, too.

For TM 50, Nightmare, collect

denrod and Route 35 then

e guard's mail between

deliver it to the guy by the

Bellsprouts too and exchange ne for Onix in Violet City

water. Collect two wild



Hm? That SCALE! What's that?

Sprout Tower low It's time for the dark and dank tower that's home to nany Sages end their Pokemon squads. If you picked Fire Type Cyndaquil at the start of the game the ou'll be well on your way to some Impressive victories.



Quanta to battlet On the top floor is a Sage in ad Flying Types will see of his disprouts while Only or Geodu Il beat his Hoothoot with ease

an't be caught using Normal attacks, so hit 'em with a Pokê who will defeat them quickly.

Poké Power

We'll have more Gold and Silver tips next month, but if you've got any in the mean time send them in to the usual address...

Quick flick! The Poké gang's back in Puzzle Challenge, p2

From linking to magnifying, we've got it covered...

While away the hours in the car with this pack that contains an AC adapter, light magnifier, Link Cable, car adapter and mini light.

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recommend the best..

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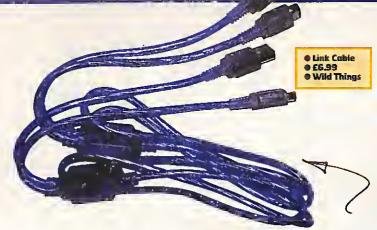
▲ Over 70 warzones and a pile

of ammo, you add the strategy.

on one cart. Oh, go on then! **Perfect Dark**

A Portable version of Rare's tor

Game & Watch 3



You'll need one of these to make the most of Pokémon Gold & Silver. Go on and battle

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> You'll get over three hours of charge on this ace recharger. Duracells will be a thing of the past.

Best GB games

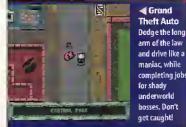
If you've got o favourite kind of gome, we've got o classic that's just right up your olley. So, whether it's puzzlers or sports sims there's one here for you...

Best Puzzier



Puzzle Challenge puzzie game that plays like the N64 version and deadly two

Best Racer



Best Sparts sim

■ O'Leary's Total Soccer Premiership based football that's both fast and slick. Score a straight out of

Best Adventure



You've got three years to prove your worth as a farmer, Plant crops and make a mint in this challenging and

Strap this onto your pocket pal visuals big

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and get your n' bright.

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• Travel Pack

Link up and light up your duels with this neat two player bit. Let's see who is the daddy now!





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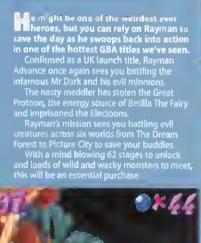
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Rayman's back!

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By: Ubi Saft Type: Platform adventure Releose: 22 June





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Rayman can learn loads of cool new moves.







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BLAG FEST

No month of NOM would be complete with out some top Gome Boy prizes for you to snop up, so let's get on with the show Nintendoids...



Yeeehah Grandma!

The Dukes of Hazzard is one of the most riotous GB Color racers of the year and thanks to the speed freaks at Ubi Soft we've got some brill goodies to win. You could win a General Lee and Dukes of Hazzard models to make yourself!

Q Which cartoon character recently starred in Speedway USA?

- A Doug B Pikachu
- C Mickey Mouse

Yella fella fun

Not a month goes by without more fun and games with the Pokémon crew and once again we've come up trumps with our mates at Warner Bros Home Video. Five lucky Nintendoids could win a copy of Thunder Shock! and Seaside Pikachu with three episodes on each...

Q What is the evolved form of lil' Pikachu?

A Celebi

B Tentacool

C Raichu



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Pika power!

For the hottest peripherals for your Game Boy Color, BBI are certainly the men in the know. We've got eight smart packs to win that include a Pikachu link cable and carry case for your portable pal. Just answer this top teaser to grab the prizes.

Q What is the name of Pokémon 201?

A Unown

B Delibird

C Pineco

How to win ▶

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